



April 26, 2004

**OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK250-4-24**

**SUBJECT: FNM – Attendance Requests for the All-Oklahoma Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Meeting**

**Purpose:** To provide information about the meeting and proper procedures regarding attendance approval

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2004

**Action Requested by: May 20, 2004**

The All-Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Meeting will be held at the Best Western, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The meeting dates are June 16-18, 2004. A copy of the meeting registration is attached. Registration payment and forms are to be sent to Chris Stoner, AE, Stillwater, by May 20, 2004.

The following attendance categories will receive approval consideration on a "Government Time/Government Expense" basis, subject to availability of travel funds:

- State SWCS Officer and Board Member
- Receiving an Award
- Presenting a Topical Paper

Other NRCS employees may be nominated to attend the meeting in the "Government Time/Government Expense" category. Attendance will be approved or disapproved based on the justification provided. The following attendance categories will receive approval on a "Government Time/Personal Expense" basis:

- SWCS Member

Requests should be submitted to your supervisor using the OK-FNM-1, Meeting Attendance Request form. Supervisors concurring with these requests, must forward the form to the appropriate SLT supervisor for further approval. Travel Authorizations will be issued for employees not included on the Limited Open who are approved for government expense. Those employees will need to provide a copy of the approved OK-FNM-1 to the appropriate OA/Secretary for processing a travel authorization.

/s/

M. DARREL DOMINICK  
State Conservationist

Attachment

Dist: AE

**SWCS Conference Registration  
Registration Due May 14, 2004**

Member \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Member \$ 60 \_\_\_\_\_  
Retiree (Member) \$ 40 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student (Member) \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

**(Includes Thursday Lunch)**

Additional Thursday Lunch @ \$13 each  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Night (Thursday)  
Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Tournament (Cimarron Tr. Golf Course)  
Wed. A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to:**  
All Oklahoma SWCS

**Send Registration and Payment to:**  
Chris Stoner, NRCS  
All Oklahoma SWCS  
100 USDA, Suite 206  
Stillwater, OK 74074

**2004 All Oklahoma Chapter  
Soil & Water Conservation Society**

**Annual Conference  
SWCS – For All Conservationists  
June 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Best Western – Stillwater**

**June 16, 2004 – Wednesday**

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Golf Tournament  
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Registration  
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Conf. Opening  
(Darrel Dominick)  
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Technical Conf.  
  
6:00 PM - ? – Vendor Social

**June 17, 2004 – Thursday**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Council Meeting  
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Technical Conf.  
Posters  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Business Lunch  
Keynote Address  
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM – General Conf.  
  
6:30 PM - ? – Family Night/  
Awards Banquet

**June 18, 2004 – Friday**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Expired Rooster/  
Hen Breakfast  
  
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon – Technical Tours  
ARS Hydraulics Lab  
OSU Research Range

**Best Western – Stillwater  
Where Oklahoma began**

The newly remodeled Best Western-Stillwater features dining facilities, a sports bar, an indoor swimming pool, spa, and sauna, all in a beautiful atrium setting. The Best Western's meeting rooms will host our technical and general conferences as well as catering our Business Luncheon.

Room reservations can be made by calling 405-377-7010 or Toll Free at 1-800-353-6894. A block of rooms has been set up for the nights of June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at \$55 (plus tax) for a single under SWCS. To receive this rate, reservations must be made by May 20, 2004. Individuals will be responsible for their own reservations.

**Family Night @ the Pawnee Bath House**

Slip back in time, just a short drive from Stillwater is the beautifully restored two-story bathhouse that was originally constructed in 1939 by the WPA. The Bathhouse has an intricate system of stone steps and walls leading from the building to a swimming area below.

While there, enjoy swimming or hiking the wildlife and wetland trails. Then be treated to a Chuck Wagon Dinner and be entertained by Cowboy poets. The Bath House will be reserved for SWCS participants only.

This years Family Night will also double as our Awards Banquet. This way, recipients can be recognized by their peers as well as their family and friends.

### **Proposed Youth Activities**

Wednesday AM – Golf Tournament  
Swimming

Wednesday PM – Cushing Water Park

Thursday AM – Gallagher-Iba Tour

Thursday PM – Pawnee Bill Museum  
Pawnee Bath House  
(Meet for Family Night)

Friday AM – Technical Tour

### **Proposed Spouse/Guest Activities**

Wednesday AM – Golf Tournament

Wednesday PM – Shopping

Thursday PM – Pawnee Bill Museum  
Pawnee Bath House  
(Meet for Family Night)

Friday AM – Technical Tour

### **Proposed Retiree Activities**

Wednesday AM – Golf Tournament

Thursday AM – Retiree Breakfast  
Thursday AM – Conservation Tour

Thursday PM – Pawnee Bill Museum  
(Meet for Family Night)

Friday AM – Expired Roosters/Hens Breakfast

### **General Conference**

#### **Working as a TSP; A Panel Discussion**

John Hendrix, Wildlife Biologist, ODWC  
Eric Held, Regional Engineer, Ducks  
Unlimited  
Mike Kastl, Director, Abandon Mine Land  
Reclamation Program, OCC

**Working in the Public vs. the Private  
Sector** – Diana Perry, Agricultural Engineer,  
NRCS, Perry

**Professional Development and  
Professional Societies** – J. Chris Stoner,  
Agricultural Engineer, NRCS, Stillwater

### **Technical Conference**

**Keynote: Conservation Effects  
Assessment Project – Watershed  
Assessment Studies**  
Dr. Jean Steiner, ARS Grazing Lands  
Research Station, El Reno

Watershed Management  
**Impact of Flood Water Retarding  
Structures and Varying Climate  
Conditions on Streamflow and Sediment  
Response for Watersheds in SW  
Oklahoma** – Michael W. Van Liew,  
Research Hydrologist, ARS Grazing Lands  
Research Station, El Reno

**Stream Stabilization, A Sugar Creek  
Update** – Victor Slowik, Design Engineer,  
NRCS, Stillwater

**Watershed Rehabilitation: Past, Present,  
and the Future** – Joe Freeland, Project  
Engineer, NRCS, Pauls Valley and Larry  
Caldwell, National Dam Rehabilitation  
Coordinator, NRCS, Stillwater

**The Conservation Reserve Enhancement  
Program (CREP)** – Rod Wanger, Agricultural  
Program Specialist, FSA, Stillwater

Wetland and Wildlife Management  
**Designing an Island Habitat for the Interior  
Least Tern** – Scott Schneider, Agricultural  
Engineer, NRCS, McAlester

**Wetland Do's and Don'ts** – J. Chris Stoner,  
Agricultural Engineer, NRCS, Stillwater

Advances In Technology  
**The Track Record of Seasonal Climate  
Forecasts for Oklahoma** – Dr. Jeanne M.  
Schneider, Research Meteorologist, ARS  
Grazing Lands Research Station, El Reno

**Irrigation Scheduling** – Rick Schlegel,  
Irrigation Engineer, NRCS, Woodward

Poster Presentations  
**Effectiveness of Landscape Surface  
Impoundments for Dairy Operation  
Mitigation** – John Daniel, Geologist, ARS  
Grazing Lands Research Station, El Reno

**Use of Global Positioning Systems in Grazing  
Management** – Chuck Stanley, Resource  
Specialist, NRCS, Woodward and Melissa  
Teague, Range Management Specialist, NRCS,  
Hollis

**Mulch and Grazing Management** – Dr.  
Francisco Molinar, Range Management  
Specialist, NRCS, Guymon

**Use of Cool Season Native Grasses for  
Erosion Control in the Cross Timbers  
Resource Area** – Wayne Fjeseth, Soil  
Conservationist, NRCS, Norman